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# Campaspe Times Newsletter

## February 2020

### Welcome to a new decade – 2020

We’ve had a devastating start to the year with fires across Victoria and other parts of the country which has impacted many. Volunteerism has shone through with many giving up their time to fight the fires and support communities at loss.

Community spirit is evident with financial contributions being made to assist with recovery. I encourage anyone who is able to donate to the various fire relief charities to do so. Visit our website for a list of organisations where you can show your support by donating to the bushfire appeal.

With our new CEO Declan Moore on board, we are looking forward to getting on with business and working towards a very successful 2020.

It is always a pleasure to participate in the Australia Day celebrations across our shire and I congratulate the recipients of this year’s Australian Day Awards. You can read more about them in our March newsletter.

The Victorian Government has introduced new laws for pools and spas with a focus on children’s safety and to reduce the incidents of young children drowning. These laws require all permanent and relocatable pools and spas with a minimum depth of 300mm to be registered with council. This is a mandatory requirement and will result in a penalty if not adhered to. So please, if you haven’t already, visit council’s website to register. You can read more about this on page six.

Applications are now open for young people to join the 2020 Youth Advisory Group, where members provide a youth perspective to council on a number of important projects and topics impacting the community. It’s a great opportunity for young people to represent their peers on topics that matter to them and better understand local government.

Visit council’s website for more information.

Wishing everyone all the best for a safe and prosperous New Year.

**Cr Adrian Weston**  
Mayor



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Mayor Cr Adrian Weston with Major Road Projects Victoria Senior Project Manager, Jason Warren at the Campaspe #DASH community event, raising awareness of domestic and family violence.

## Living in a WickED community

The Campaspe community has again shown they #GiveAScrap, leading the way in sustaining our environment.

Waste in Campaspe – Know, Educate, Do (WickED) is council's long standing waste education program, aimed at teaching the community about the detrimental environmental impacts of sending waste to landfill.

A highlight of the program is the annual WickED Sustainability Awards where council formally acknowledges the wonderful work our community is doing for the environment.

Sponsored by council's waste contractor Veolia and local composting business Biomix, the awards were open to Campaspe businesses, community groups, individuals and schools. Entrants were required to submit photos, posters, stories or videos that showed how they addressed this year's theme: 'avoid, reduce, reuse – keeping food waste out of landfill'.

The calibre of initiatives delivered by more than 30 dedicated community members, students and groups was mind blowing. Some strong themes



*Cr Leigh Wilson with winners of the School category, Lockington Consolidated School.*



*Cr Leigh Wilson with the winner of the Individual/Community Group category, Rochester Community House.*

that emerged from the entries were initiatives and strategies geared towards home composting, worm farms, using a green bin and keeping chooks – all of which help keep food waste out of landfill.

### Awards were presented to:

Rochester Community House for their PowerPoint presentation "Rochester Community House's Recycling Programs" highlighting their community FoodShare program.

Lockington Consolidated School prep class for their music video titled

"Sustainable Superheroes 2019", showcasing all the initiatives the students take in making their school more sustainable.

### Other awards presented:

- High commendation award: Emily Noske-Turner, Echuca
- Encouragement award: Janice Wilson from Rochester
- High commendation award: St Mary's Primary School Rushworth
- Encouragement award: Tongala Primary School

## Green bin tips for summer

With more than 7,100 Campaspe residents and businesses opting for a green bin service, 1,600 tonnes of food scraps and garden organics have now been diverted from landfill. This material has been composted at local composting facility, Biomix, and is being used on Victorian parks, gardens and farms.

Composting this material has prevented the production of methane, a toxic greenhouse gas from being emitted when organic waste is dumped into landfill. The highly nutritious compost made from our food scraps and garden organics adds nutrients back into our soils and aids in water retention!

Thanks for Giving a Scrap to your green bin!

As the temperature rises, organic matter in our green bins start to break down faster. Here are some handy tips to keep your food scrap caddy and green bin fresh over summer:

- Keep lids closed when not used
- Keep smelly food scraps in the fridge or freezer until the night before your next green bin collection
- Use paper towel, newspaper (or compostable liner) to line the bottom of your caddy to soak up any moisture
- Wrap meat scraps, bones and seafood (with newspaper or paper towel)
- If using compostable bags, tie a knot in the bag when full
- Line your green bin with a couple sheets of newspaper
- Keep your green bin in the shade, away from house if possible
- Sprinkle vinegar, baking soda, charcoal or eucalyptus oil in your green bin to combat odours
- Add garden waste to your green bin along with food to reduce odour

For a full list of handy tips visit council's website under the 'Live' tab and click on 'Food and garden waste'

## Turning our waste into drained products

Kyabram business RPM Pipes have been well renowned for their high quality, tough as nails pipes and flood irrigation products for more than 20 years. The best part is that they are made from 100 per cent recycled plastic.

Plastic received from our kerbside recycling collections are washed, processed and turned into various sized irrigation pipes. Only appropriate plastics are used in pipes to guarantee the quality of every pipe.

Plastics are provided from local sources including council's waste contractor, Veolia and Kyvalley Dairy. This recycling process diverts 250 tonnes of plastic from entering landfill each year!



RPM is the only company in Australia that undertakes the entire pipe making

process in-house and it's done right here in Campaspe. They do everything from washing and processing the plastic through to manufacturing the final product, ensuring they know exactly what goes into each pipe.

Up to 5,000 milk bottles are recycled to produce one 630mm RPM pipe. That's equivalent to more than 1.3 kilometres of waste milk bottles laid end-to-end.



In early February, six local councils including Campaspe, as well as Parks Victoria, will be attending a recycled plastic industry event, supported by Sustainability Victoria and the Goulburn Valley Waste Resource Recovery Group. Here, three Victoria businesses

including RPM pipes and Moama based recycled plastic business, Newtech Poly, will present proposals on how local government can procure products to buy back waste. Recycling is a whole process of which sorting is just one part. If there is no buy back, it's not truly recycling. Farmers as well as councils are encouraged to investigate these options.

Campaspe Shire looks forward to further supporting the recycling industry and local businesses like RPM Pipes, exploring future opportunities where products could be utilised for council projects.



## 2020 Digital Workshops for small business

High quality, low cost digital leaning opportunities for small business.

A single one off payment of \$55 will provide access to all seven workshops, one on one mentoring and interactive webinars.

To register visit [campaspe.vic.gov.au](http://campaspe.vic.gov.au) and click on **Business Workshops** under the **Work tab**, or call Stacey Fraser on 5481 2200

<b>Digital Marketing Essentials</b> Thursday, 27 February   7.30 to 10.30am	<b>Facebook for Small Business Simplified</b> Thursday, 26 March   7.30 to 10.30am
<b>Engage Real Followers on Instagram</b> Thursday, 23 April   7.30 to 10.30am	<b>Cyber Security for Small Business</b> Thursday, 14 May   5.30 to 8.30pm
<b>Simple Steps to Build a Website</b> Thursday, 11 June   5.30 to 8.30pm	<b>Search Engine Optimisation for Small Business</b> Thursday, 23 July   7.30 to 10.30am
<b>Create Marketing Campaigns with Mailchimp</b> Thursday, 27 August   7.30 to 10.30am	<b>Register Now \$55</b> If your business has an ABN and less than 20 employees, you are eligible for the ASBAS Digital Solutions program.

All for  
**\$55**

## Project update

As the New Year kicks off, the coordination and delivery of projects across our shire continue. Here is a snapshots of works in the pipeline. 🤔



**Delivery** - Works to upgrade and improve Wilson Court Park in Crossenvale are underway. Works include new footpaths, landscaping and additional play equipment to improve the health and wellbeing of members in the community.



**Delivery** - Works to upgrade the storage capacity of the McEwen Road West drainage basins in Kyabram are underway.



**Procurement**  
Repair works to the open drain in Ramsay Street Rochester are out for tender.



**Planning**  
Project planning has started for repair works to the roof at the Rushworth Hall.



**Design**  
Detailed design is underway for the Echuca East Community Precinct project.



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## Girgarre - small town, big spirit!

#lovewhereyoulive

Girgarre, a small agriculture town evolved from the early 1900s through settlement by returning World War One soldiers.

As with many small towns, Girgarre has had its fair share of challenges with drought, fallen milk prices and factory closures. However thanks to community spirit, the town has survived through the tough times and continues to achieve extraordinary things.

Girgarre owes much of its success to more than 120 dedicated community volunteers who, through a range of groups and clubs, coordinate many highly successful events and projects, putting the small dairy town on the map and keeping the town active.

One of the most popular attractions to Girgarre is the local farmers and craft market, on the second Sunday of each month. Hundreds of people visit the town to shop from more than 100 stalls showcasing local produce, products, arts and craft. Live music adds to the relaxed atmosphere making it a great day out for the whole family. The market is held in the



Progress Park Reserve, behind the town hall.

Last month, brilliant acoustic music filled the town at the iconic Girgarre Moosic Muster and achieved record numbers.

In its 14th year, the festival provided visitors and locals five days of continuous jamming with concerts, workshops and novelty events and the best part is all the music comes free. It's one of the most affordable and inclusive music events in Campaspe.

Music styles included bluegrass, folk, blues, jazz, country, pop, Celtic and Aussie bush songs, gospel and contemporary music – something for everyone.

Some highlights of this year's Moosic Muster included The Biggest Bush Band and bush dance, open mike sessions, a ukulele program and more than 50 workshops and singing opportunities.

If you haven't been to this festival before, mark this is your calendar for 2021 and see Girgarre in action first hand, moo-ving ahead in leaps and bounds.

## What's on

### 5 November - February 2020

Capturing the decades: Kyabram Town Hall - Allan St, 5852 1546

### Thursday, 6 February

Uniting Church concert - Echuca Moama Uniting Church, Hare St, 0429 801 342

### 7 - 9 February

Southern 80 Ski Race - Scenic Dr, Echuca Boat Ramp, 5480 6754

### Friday, 7 February

Echuca Harness Racing Club- Echuca Cup Meet - Frank Ryan Raceway, Simmie St, Echuca, 5482 2036

### Sunday, 9 February

Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market - Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, 5854 6283  
Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - Birdwood Ave, 5857 2866  
Community Church Kyabram 'Summer Nights' - Memorial Gardens, Allan St, Kyabram, 0429 382 623

### 14 - 16 February

Riverboats Music Festival - Aquatic

Reserve, Heygarth St, Echuca, 0402 133 208

### Saturday, 15 February

Echuca Farmers' Market - Alton Reserve, Hare St, 0437 746 459  
REHF Rushworth Market - High St, Rushworth, 0402 576 103

### Sunday, 16 February

Echuca Country Music Club - Monthly Concert - Rich River Golf Club, 24 Lane, Moama, 5482 6281

### 21 - 23 February

The Great Murray River Postie Bike Adventure - various, 0458 802 211

### 22 - 29 February

Rochester Mural Festival - Rochester, 5484 2599  
Rochester Show - Rochester Recreation Reserve, 0401 083 394  
Special Olympics Echuca Swimming Club Games - EWMAC Service St, Echuca, 0409 507 478

### Sunday, 23 February

Colour Kyabram - Kyabram Showgrounds, Allan St, 0448 979 731

### Sunday, 1 March

Kyabram Farmers' Market - Kyabram Stadium, Allan St, 0413 342 705  
Volksclub Bendigo Echuca Ice Cream Run - Murray Esplanade, Echuca, 0418 481 376

### Tuesday, 3 March

Echuca Harness Racing Club- Echuca Cup Meet - Frank Ryan Raceway, Simmie St, Echuca, 5482 2036

### Friday, 6 March

Kyabram Rodeo - Kyabram Showgrounds, 0428 992 450

### 7 - 8 March

Goulburn Valley Auto Club Race Meet - Rushworth Speedway, 0417 852 571

Diversity of leather - Echuca Rotary Park, Rose St, 0402 758 099

### Saturday, 7 March

Echuca Farmers' Market - Alton Reserve, Hare St, 0437 746 459

Elmore Summer Send Off B&S Ball - Elmore Events Centre, 48 Rosaia Road, 0418 506 228

### Sunday, 8 March

Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market - Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, 5854 6283  
Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - Birdwood Ave, 5857 2866  
Stanhope Show n Shine - Stanhope Hotel, 5857 2293  
Echuca Races- Echuca Cup Day - Echuca Race Course, Scott Rd, 5482 2487  
Community Church Kyabram 'Summer Nights' - Memorial Gardens, Allan St, Kyabram, 0429 382 623

### Saturday, 14 March

Echuca Moama Toy Library- Messy Play Day - Heygarth St, Echuca, 0484 907 816

### 15 - 19 March

Victoria Veterans Cricket - Various ovals around the shire, 0427 817 333

### Sunday, 15 March

Colbinabbin Primary School Market - 56 Mitchell St, Colbinabbin, 5432 9330

## Pool and spa owners to register with council

New safety laws introduced by the Victorian Government now require all landowners to register their swimming pool and spa with their local council.

The new laws have been introduced with a focus on children's safety and reducing the incidence of young children drowning. The mandatory registration also includes new fencing compliance requirements.

Registration applies to all pools and spas with a depth of water of at least 300mm which includes relocatable or temporary pools and spas.



Registration is due by 1 June 2020 and failure to register could result in a fine of up to \$1,652.20.

Registration is quick and can be done online, via council's website. Once complete, council will respond and send an invoice for registration. Registration fees have been set by the Victorian Building Authority at \$31.85, with an additional \$47.25 if a building permit number is not provided at the time of registration.

Once registered, full compliance for pool safety barrier fencing will not be required until June 2021.

## Supported Playgroup

Council runs four supported playgroups across the shire, providing learning activities and experiences for children. The program offers parents and carers practical strategies and information to support their children, allowing them to thrive from birth onwards. The program also connects families to additional services and educational information relevant to their needs.

The program, funded by the Victorian Government, currently delivers playgroups in the communities of Kyabram, Rushworth, Echuca and more recently Tongala.

Qualified educators run the program during school terms, providing valuable educational strategies to meet the needs of each individual family in a local environment. This in turn builds confidence and strengthens learning, better placing children for a smooth transition into the school environment.

Campaspe's Supported Playgroups owes much of its success to the educators who work closely with local families, building relationships and making them feel safe, at ease and supported. This is a valuable



opportunity that might otherwise not be accessible to them.

Educator, Tracy Woods said our aim is to work with the children and families and set them up for the future.

"The program moves into communities where the support is needed."

"As community needs change, the program also changes."

"All families who have been enrolled in the program have shown great success in achieving transition plans, and moving onto alternative learning opportunities."

## Out and about

Campaspe blossoms during spring with events filling the social calendar. Below is a snapshot of recent community events attended.



Campaspe Shire Council CEO, Declan Moore addresses the audience with Wolithica Yorta Yorta man, Rick Ronan at the Campaspe #DASH community event, raising awareness of domestic and family violence.



Attending the Agriculture Victoria, Young Farmers Scholarship event (L-R) Peter Walsh MP, Mayor Cr Adrian Weston, Andrew Murphy (scholarship recipient) and Stephanie Mendes.



At the launch of the Echuca Historical Society poetry trail (L-R) Cr Annie Vickers, Mayor Cr Adrian Weston, Echuca Historical Society President Dot Hammond, Cr Vickie Neele and CEO Declan Moore.



Attending the Southern 80 Ski Race media launch (L-R) Julie Gollidge – Moama Water Sports Club, Cr Daniel Mackrell, Inspector Paul Huggett – NSW Police, Meg Van Lohuizen – Edge FM and council's Belinda Owen.

### Council meetings

Council meetings are open to the public and residents are able to submit questions by 12pm on the day of the council meeting. These questions can be answered at the meeting. Meetings are held in Echuca at 5pm and are streamed live on council's website. The agenda is available the Friday before each meeting.

Next meetings:

- 18 February
- 17 March



Mayor Cr Adrian Weston and Cr Kristen Munro with Community Grants recipients at a recent presentation evening.

## Service profile

### Campaspe Aquatic & Leisure Services

Campaspe Aquatics and Leisure Services Unit proudly manage eight aquatic and leisure facilities across the shire, including seven seasonal outdoor pools in Colbinabbin, Kyabram, Lockington, Rochester, Rushworth, Stanhope and Tongala. They also manage the Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre (EWMAC).

EWMAC is Campaspe's only fully integrated indoor aquatic and leisure facility. Owned and managed by council, EWMAC offers members and visitors a range of health and fitness services for all ages.

These include

- group fitness classes via the Les Mills program,
- aqua aerobics classes,
- personal training,
- gym access with the latest Precor equipment with Preva software and weights,
- Learn to Swim program.

The centre's 50m pool accommodates leisure swimming as well as daily swimming programs for schools, individuals and groups from 6 months of age to adults. All instructors are AustSwim accredited .

## #campaspeservices

The Aquatics and Leisure Services team are proud to support the health and wellbeing of the Campaspe community by providing fitness services for life.

### EWMAC in 2019

30,000 Learn to Swim visits

17,691 school program visits

23,246 group fitness visits

25,518 gym visits

## What's new at EWMAC in 2020?

As the school year starts in February, so too will **school swimming programs** which sees primary and secondary schools right across the shire participate in swimming lessons and carnivals with a great atmosphere.

EWMAC's **Learn to Swim** program provides children the opportunity to learn vital water skills, making them more confident in the water.

EWMAC is proud to be the recipient of the Australian Swim School of the year in 2017, a National AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre Award.

This prestigious award recognises a centre which has demonstrated excellence, commitment and innovation in the development and delivery of swimming and water safety programs.

A program is only as good as the people who deliver it and staff work hard to ensure they deliver the highest standard of aquatic services and programs in the region.

Its not too late to enrol in the 2020 Learn to Swim Program. The team are still taking enrolments and if you miss out in term one, you can still pick up



in term two. Give your child the gift of swimming.

The **Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion** award is available for people aged 14+ to participate in on 13-14 February at the Rochester Pool. The course aims to build knowledge and skills in rescue, personal survival and emergency care.

**Early Learning Programs** are also available to early learning centres in the region, providing a swimming kickstart for younger children.

EWMAC also provide opportunities to reach fitness goals in a vibrant social

setting through group fitness. They boast a newly equipped Group Fitness Studio specialising in **Les Mills group fitness programs**.

A revised timetable has been released with the addition of new circuit and Body Combat classes. The variety is greater and along with varied times, aligns with the needs of current members and visitors.

**Youth gym and seniors gym** programs are available at EWMAC's health club. Young people aged 12 – 18 can participate in circuit classes and is given a personal program specific to individual goals. The seniors gym program is similar but aimed at older people within the community.

All gym members receive a personal needs program with scheduled reassessments to keep progress on track.

One on one personal training sessions are also available.

For more information call the team at Echuca's premier health an fitness club on 5483 9698.